

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2741**  
ANSWERED ON- 19/12/2024

**PRESERVATION OF TRIBAL ART IN JHARKHAND**

2741 # SMT. MAHUA MAJI:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any special programme has been organized for the folk arts and tribal artists of Jharkhand under Promotion and Preservation of Tribal and Folk Arts scheme;
- (b) if so, the details of these programmes and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the number of tribal artists of Jharkhand who have been provided financial assistance under Promotion and Preservation of Tribal and Folk Arts scheme?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) & (b) Government of India has set up Eastern Zonal Cultural Centre (EZCC) at Kolkata to promote, protect & preserve the various forms of folk/ tribal arts of its member States including the State of Jharkhand. EZCC organizes various cultural activities & programmes on regular basis in its member States including Jharkhand for which annual grant-in-aid is provided to them. Folk/ tribal artists are engaged by EZCC who showcase their talents in the cultural programmes/activities organized by them. These artists are paid honorarium, DA/TA, boarding & lodging etc. which enable them to earn their livelihood.

Cultural programmes/ activities organized by EZCC, Kolkata in Jharkhand during the years 2023 & 2024 are as under:

Sl. No.	Name of the Programme	Date	Venue
1	Folk Festival	3-4 Sept, 2023	Rashiknagar, Gram Panchayat Ground, East Singhbhum, Jharkhand
2	Amrit Kalash Yatra	28 Sept - 13 Oct, 2023	100 venues in Jharkhand
3	Sarangi Badan – Folk Music	April, 2023 – March, 2024	Ranchi, Jharkhand
4	Shikari Nritya - Folk Dance	April, 2023 – March, 2024	Saraikella, Kharswan, Jharkhand
5	Palamu Tribal Folk Dance Festival	25 & 26 July, 2024	Manika High School Campus Manika, Jharkhand
6	Kolahan Folk Dance Festival 2024	28 & 29 July, 2024	Art and Culture Bhawan, Harigutu Tongri, Chaibasa, Jharkhand
7	Vanishing and Endangered Folk Art Festival	14 Oct, 2024	CM School of Excellence, Kanke, Ranchi, Jharkhand
8	Chhau Festival – 2024	18-19, Oct, 2024	Chhau Auditorium, Kharsawan, Jharkhand

9	Vanishing and Endangered Folk Art Festival	25 Oct, 2024	CM School of Excellence, Kanke, Ranchi, Jharkhand
10	Vanishing & Endangered Folk Art Festival	19 Nov, 2024	S.P.G. Mission Girls High School, Chaibasa, Jharkhand
11	Vanishing & Endangered Folk Art Festival	30 Nov, 2024	District CM School of Excellence, Dumka, Jharkhand

The Sangeet Natak Akademi (SNA) under Ministry of Culture has established ‘Sangeet Natak Akademi’s Chhau Kendra’ at Chandankiyari, District Bokaro, Jharkhand in 2018 in order to fulfill its commitment towards the promotion, propagation and preservation of the performing arts of India.

SNA has also started training programmes of the following rare art forms of Jharkhand:

- Dhol, Dhak, Mandar, Nagara (Musical Instruments making), Guru Shri Sakrati Nayak, Jharkhand
- Seraikella Chhau, Guru Shri Malay Sahoo Seraikella, Jharkhand
- Seraikella Chhau, Guru Smt Kusmi Pattayanayak Seraikella, Jharkhand
- Manbhum Chhau, Guru Shri Ramchand Mahato Andhartelia, Bokaro, Jharkhand
- Seraikella Chhau Mask Making, Guru Shri Sushanta Kumar Mahapatra Seraikella, Jharkhand

Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India extends support to the State Governments through centrally sponsored scheme namely “Support to Tribal Research Institute (TRI)” to strengthen these Institutes in their infrastructural needs, research & documentation activities, training & capacity building programmes, organization of tribal festivals, yatras for promotion of unique cultural heritage & tourism so that the tribal culture practices, languages and rituals are preserved and disseminated.

TRI, Jharkhand has organized the following workshops in Jharkhand with details as under:

Sl. No.	Name of the workshop	Date
i.	National Tribal Painters Workshop	10-15 Feb, 2020
ii.	National Tribal Painters Workshop	28 Jan to 2 Feb, 2023
iii.	National Tribal Workshop on the occasion of Adivasi Mahotsav	9-16 Aug, 2023
iv.	National Tribal Workshop on the occasion of Adivasi Mahotsav	5-10 Aug, 2024

(c) Around 3220 tribal artists of Jharkhand have been provided financial assistance by EZCC, Kolkata.

Ministry of Tribal Affairs has provided financial assistance to 115 tribal artists of Jharkhand who participated in four National Tribal Workshops held at Jharkhand.

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